

11. Do thou, AGNI, who hast spread
heaven and earth
with light, who art the preserver
(of man), and (who
art) to be glorified with praises,
shine brightly upon
us with abundant food, and with
substantial riches.

12. Possessor of wealth, bestow
upon us at all
times opulence conjoined with
dependants, and (grant)
abundance of cattle to our sons
and grandsons: may
there be to us abundant food,
satisfying our wishes,
and free from blame; and may
there be auspicious
and reputable (means of
subsistence).

13. Royal A«NI, may I obtain
from thee thy many
and various treasures whereby to
be enriched; for,
AGNI, who art the desired of
multitudes, infinite are
the riches (aggregated) in thee, fit,
monarch, for thy
worshipper.

•FIFTH ADHYAYA.

ANUVAKAT.

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StfKTA II. (II.)

The deity is AGNI; the *JRishi* is BHARADXTAJA; the
metre is

Anwhhtubk, except in the last verse, in which it
is *Sakvari*.

13. Thou alightest, AGNI, like
MITRA, upon the ob-
latia offered with the dry fuel:
therefore, beholder
of all, possessor of riches, thou
cherishest us with food
and nourishment.

14. Men verily worship thee with
sacrifice and with
praises: the inoffensive sun, the
sender of rain, the
beholder of the universe, proceeds
to thee.¹

¹ The sun, it is said, at the evening enters into
fire, whence it
is that the latter is visible throughout the
night: the term